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Secretary-General's bulletin

Accountability Panel

The Secretary-General, for the purposes of strengthening accountability in the Secretariat and to advise the Secretary-General on matters thereon, promulgates the following:

Section 1
Establishment and purpose of the Accountability Panel

The Accountability Panel is established to ensure that the Secretariat addresses the findings of its oversight review bodies from a systemic perspective, and to reinforce existing accountability mechanisms.

Section 2
Functions

2.1 The Panel shall perform the following functions:

(a) Review the analysis of significant management issues, together with recommendations, to be prepared annually by the Department of Management based on the reports of the oversight bodies (including the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit);

(b) Identify actions required to remedy accountability issues raised; and

(c) Identify actions required to remedy systemic management weaknesses, irregularities and any other matters which may have a major impact on management issues.

2.2 Based on its findings, the Accountability Panel may recommend appropriate remedies. Recommendations shall be communicated to the Secretary-General and the programme manager concerned. The Panel shall monitor implementation of any decision taken by the Secretary-General, or agreement made between the Secretary-General and the programme manager concerned.

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Section 3
Composition

The Accountability Panel shall consist of a chairperson, who shall be the Deputy Secretary-General, and four members at the Under-Secretary-General level, who shall be appointed by the Secretary-General. The members shall be appointed for a two-year period. The initial appointment of two of these members shall be for one year only.

Section 4
Final provision

The present bulletin shall enter into force on 1 November 2000.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**
Secretary-General